

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 6 – 7 and claims 8 – 9 which depend thereon were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. As suggested by the Examiner, claims 6 – 7 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis.

Claims 12 – 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims 12 – 13 have been amended to obviate the rejection.

Claims 1 – 6 and 10 – 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,169,106 to Rasmussen. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicant believes that the claims as originally filed were not anticipated by Rasmussen, claim 1 has been amended to more clearly distinguish over the reference. To this end, claim 1 has been amended to indicate that the housing includes a flange that abuts the front surface of the panel wall when the wall extends through the opening of the panel wall. Additionally, claim 1 has been amended to indicate that the slot is adjacent to the rear surface of the panel wall when the wall extends through the opening. Claim 1 has also been amended to indicate that the clamp includes a cam body rotatable about an axis having a first cam surface and a second cam surface displaced radially from the axis. Claim 1 has been amended to indicate that there is a shaft extending along the axis from the cam body, and that the shaft is displaced a first distance to the first cam surface, and that is less than a second distance defined between the shaft and the second cam surface. Claim 1 has been amended to indicate that there is a shaft flange at one end of the shaft extending outward from the axis and sized to be received and retained in the slot. Claims 2 – 7 and 11 – 13, that depend on claim 1, were amended to incorporate the amendments to claim 1.

Rasmussen fails to disclose or suggest that a flange of the housing abuts the front surface of a panel wall. Rasmussen discloses a pole clamp that has no such flange.

Rasmussen fails to disclose or suggest that the clamp is a cam body rotatable about an axis having a first cam surface and a second cam surface that engages the

panel wall. Rasmussen teaches a pole clamp that does not cam as claimed, does not have a first and second cam surfaces that engage the panel wall, and is not rotatable.

Rasmussen fails to disclose or suggest that a shaft extends along the axis from the cam body and is displaced a first distance to the first cam surface that is less than the distance defined between the shaft and the second cam surface.

Rasmussen fails to disclose or suggest a shaft flange at the end of the shaft.

Rasmussen fails to disclose or suggest that the clamp is configured to fasten the housing to the panel wall by inserting the shaft flange into the slot, translating the clamp along the slot until the first cam surface is disposed proximal the panel wall, and rotating the clamp relative to the panel wall until the second cam surface engages the panel wall. Rasmussen teaches a clamp configured to slide towards a pole in order to hold the pole.

Claims 14 – 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rasmussen. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Applicant has amended claim 14 to claim the elements as now claimed in amended claim 1. For the reasons stated above, Rasmussen does not teach all of the elements; therefore; it would not have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have specified the elements in step to provide convenience for setting up a device on a the wall.

Rasmussen teaches away from the subject matter of the present application. The clamp in Rasmussen could not obviously be adapted to mount a housing in a panel wall. The clamp in Rasmussen is not removable from the slot by an operator and would block the housing from being inserted into an opening in a panel wall even if the clamp was rotated to the proper axis.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes claims 1 – 18 of the present application recite patentable subject matter and allowance of the same is requested. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 17-0055

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